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1. AMBASSADOR BRUCE, BEFORE DEPARTING FROM BRUSSELS, IN-
STRUCTED CHARGE TO RAISE INITIALLY WITH SYG LUNS DIRECTEUR
DU CABINET VAN CAMPEN THE ISSUE OF NAC MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS
TO PERMIT QUADRIPARTITE MEETING BEGINNING BETWEEN 2:00 AND
2:15 P.M., DECEMBER 12.

2. IN HIS PRESENTATION NOVEMBER 4 TO VAN CAMPEN, CHARGE MADE
FOLLOWING POINTS PER REFTEL:

-- THE US IS SCHEDULED TO HOST THE NORMAL QUADRIPARTITE
MEETING ON BERLIN AND GERMANY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE
IN BRUSSELS THIS DECEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH THE
REGULAR NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING.

-- THE QUADRIPARTITE DINNER CANNOT BE HELD AS USUAL THE
NIGHT BEFORE THE NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING (I.E., DECEMBER 10)
SINCE SECRETARY KISSINGER CANNOT ARRIVE IN BRUSSELS
EARLY ENOUGH THAT EVENING AND WE ALSO GATHER SAUVAGNARGUES
HAS A PROBLEM.
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-- CONSEQUENTLY, THE FOUR MINISTERS HAVE DECIDED TO
MEET IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCHEON ON THE 12TH IN NATO
HEADQUARTERS, BUT WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK
BY ABOUT 5:15 P.M.

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-- IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THE LUNCHEON--WHICH WE ASSUME SYG LUNS WILL HOST ON THE 12TH--MIGHT BE ARRANGED TO CONCLUDE BETWEEN 2:00 AND 2:15 P.M., TO ALLOW THE FOUR MINISTERS TO HAVE ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THEY NORMALLY DO WHEN THEY MEET THE NIGHT BEFORE NATO MINISTERIALS.

--IF SYG LUNS HAS NOT YET SELECTED A SITE FOR HIS LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 12, HE MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING IT AT NATO HEADQUARTERS AS HE DID LAST MAY DURING THE NATO SUMMIT, OR AT SOME LOCATION WHICH WILL MINIMIZE DRIVING TIME OF THE MINISTERS.

--WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT MIGHT PROVE AWKWARD TO ISSUE THE NATO MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE--WHICH WILL CONTAIN A USUAL SECTION ON BERLIN--BEFORE THE QUADRIPARTITE MEETING. WE WILL, THEREFFORE, FIND A MEANS TO HAVE MINISTERS APPROVE THE LANGUAGE ON BERLIN BEFORE THE COMMUNIQUE IS ISSUED.

3. AFTER CONSULTING LUNS, VAN CAMPEN TOLD CHARGE THE SYG "GRUDGINGLY" AGREED TO GO ALONG WITH US SUGGESTIONS. LUNS, HOWEVER, WAS PERSONALLY CONCERNED ABOUT PRECEDENT OF LIMITING MINISTERIAL MEETING TO ONE AND ONE-HALF DAYS AND NOTED THERE COULD BE A PROBLEM IF MINISTERS DID NOT CONCLUDE THEIR BUSINESS BY NOON ON DECEMBER 12, THOUGH QUADRIPARTITE MINISTERS COULD ABSENT THEMSELVES FROM AFTERNOON SESSION IF ONE WERE NECESSARY. CHARGE SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT SYG COULD PACE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION TO ASSURE CONCLUSION ABOUT NOON DECEMBER 12.
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